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GAUGE CONVERSION IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gauge conversion in Maharashtra region is likely to substantially reduce the distance between the northern and southern areas;

(b) if so, the works being undertaken under gauge conversion in the Maharashtra region;

(c) whether the pace of gauge conversion is very slow in Maharashtra region; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): Gauge conversion projects falling fully/partly in Maharashtra are Akola-Purna, Chhindwara-Nagpur, Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat-Katangi, Miraj-Latur and Sholapur (Hotgi)-Gadag. Gondia-Balaghat (42 km.), Latur-Osmanabad (113 km.) & Kurduwadi-Pandharpur (52 km.), Sholapur-Bagalkot (208 km.) sections have been completed and Akola-Purna (210 km.), Osmanabad-Kurduwadi (74 km.) and Bagalkot-Gadag (93 km.) are targeted for completion during 2007-08. The works are being progressed as per availability of resources.